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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Questionnaire prepared for National Health Survey have some objectionable Questions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has taken any action to prevent the re-occurrence of such incidents in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) The National Family Health Survey (NFHS-III) conducted in the year 2005-06 has collected information on mortality, marriage & fertility, family planning, maternal and child health, immunization of children, treatment of nutritional status of children and adult, prevalence of anemia among children and adults, knowledge, attitude and behaviour with regard to HIV/AIDS and its prevalence as well as several emerging issues such as perinatal mortality, male involvement in maternal health care, adolescent reproductive health, higher risk sexual behaviour, domestic violence and knowledge and treatment seeking behaviour about tuberculosis and malaria.

The questionnaire for the survey were designed and prepared in consultation and wider discussions which included representative from the Central Ministries and Departments like M/o Women and Child Development, M/o Statistics and Programme Implementation, Registrar General of India, National AIDS Control Organization, State Governments, Donor Partners and experts in the field of demography, health etc. field work for the survey was conducted by 18 Field organizations.

Decisions about policies and procedures including design, methodology, questionnaire, contents etc for NFHS-3 were reviewed by three project committees, namely;
(i) Steering Committee,
(ii) Administrative and Finance Management Committee &
(iii) Technical Advisory Committee.